

Subject: Bear Island ORV Trails Closure

September 4 2012

Pedro:

I have been contacted by some of my key Big Cypress Stakeholders Group members encouraging me not to object to having the ORVAC involved in the Bear Island ORV trails closure situation. I will therefore support the ORVAC being involved with hopes that their involvement will lessen the time necessary to get the problems sited by Judge Steel solved allowing the closed Bear Island trails be re-opened sooner rather than later.

I would ask you Pedro to consider establishing some kind of time line as far as the ORVAC members getting back to you on the request you made that they review their definition of secondary trails. I would further ask you to consider calling an interim ORVAC meeting as soon as this information is available.

I will respectfully remind you Pedro that the original Bear Island ORV trail re-opening process took a total of fourteen months. It is reasonable to assume that including the ORVAC secondary trails feedback, the correction and re-opening process should be able to be accomplished in a similar timeline.

Getting this situation reversed in a precise and timely manor will send a strong message to the Antis that these unreasonable attacks on our Traditional Cultural public access rights will not stand the test of close, un-biased scrutiny.

Considering the fact that the Bear Island ORV secondary trails that were implemented in 2007 closely follows the description of secondary trails in the plan, I can see that having this verified by the ORVAC could be helpful in reversing the Judges ruling.

Sincerely
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Pres. BCSA
For - BCSG